



## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Re: Comments on the Climate Action Team's "Draft Report to the Governor and Legislature"

Dear Climate Action Team,

The City of San Diego fully supports Executive Order S-3-05, which sets aggressive targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in California. The "Draft Report to the Governor and Legislature," outlines the significant challenge we share in addressing the anthropogenic sources of GHG and actions that can be taken. This is a noble endeavor, and we applaud your effort. San Diego's commitment, approved by the Mayor and City Council in 2002, is a 15% reduction of GHG emissions from city operations by 2010. Our collective success at the local level brings the State closer to realizing its goals.

The "Draft Report to the Governor and Legislature" does not yet include the role of local governments as a significant stakeholder and partner in this effort. We realize that at the time of writing the report, the Team may not have been fully aware of the tremendous success already in place in a number of municipalities throughout California.

San Diego's GHG emissions are being produced by actions taken by City residents, businesses, and municipal operations. Collectively, the City is responsible for about 15.5 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year, based on 1990 emissions levels. By taking no action to curb current emissions levels, these would increase to 22.5 million tons per year by 2010. By adopting a goal of 15% reduction of baseline levels, the City hopes to reduce emissions to 13.2 million tons per year by 2010.

Between 1990 and 2003, the City's programs were able to reduce GHG by a total of **3,814,000 tons** through changes in energy and water use and waste disposal. While this is a good step forward, there is much more to accomplish. We welcome the State as a partner, and would ask that the following points are considered:

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